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Edinburgh, Sept. 16.

THis day the following Acts received the Royal Assent, viz.

Act for securing the true Protestant Religion, and Presbyterian Government,

Act ratifying the turning the Meeting of the Estates into a Parliament.

Act anent Leesing-makers and Slanderers.

Act for proving the Tenor in Favours of Anna Cockburn.

Act anent Peace and War.

Act anent the publick Accounts.

Act anent Butchers.

Act in favours of the Company trading to Africa *and the* Indies.

Act discharging the Importation of Irish *Victual.*

Act continuing the Prohibition of exporting English *and* Irish *Woull till the next Session of Parliament inclusive.*

Act in Favours of William Montgomery *and* George Lind, *for a Manufacture of Lame, Purslaine and Earthen Ware.*

Act allowing the Importation of Wines and other Foreign Liquers.

After which his Grace the Duke of *Queensberry*, Her Majesty's High Commissioner, made a Speech to the Parliament as follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE have now past several good Acts for our Religion, Liberty and Trade, which I hope will be acceptable to all Her Majesty's good Subjects; I wish you had also given the Supplies necessary for the maintaining of Her Majesty's Forces, and preserving the Peace and Safety of the Kingdom; but since I hope this may be yet done in due time, and that besides some Questions and Difficulties are fallen, that in all probability you can have no time to determine; And that withal it is fit Her Majesty should have time to consider upon some things that have been laid before Her; and that we may know Her Mind therein more perfectly, a short Recess appears at present to be necessary, and that this Parliament be adjourned for some time: And therefore I have ordered my Lord Chancellor to adjourn this Parliament until the 12*th day of* October *next.*

Then the Lord Chancellor, by his Grace's Order, adjourned the Parliament till Tuesday the 12th of *October* next.

Bern in Switzerland, Sept. 26. *N. S.* It is confirmed by our Advices from all Hands, That the *French* Army under the Duke of *Vendosme* is retiring out of the Country of *Tirol*. Letters from *Languedoc* say, the Malecontents in the *Sevennes* are at present more formidable than ever; That they are about 8000 effective Men, some of them Horse: They have got together considerable quantities of Corn for their Subsistence; and the whole Country groaning under the Tyranny and Oppression of the *French* Government, they find the Inhabitants every where disposed to afford them underhand all the Assistance they are able. Thus it comes to pass that they have constant notice of all the Motions of the King's Troops, and of every Party they send out, and they lose no Opportunities of falling upon them, as they did lately upon one of 80 Men, who were returning from *Montpellier*, whither they had convoyed a Person of Quality, and put every one of them to the Sword. They have since cut to pieces two Companies more of the King's Troops, for there is no Quarter given on either side, unless any Prisoners happen to be taken by the Marshal *de Montrevel*, in order to their suffering a most cruel Execution, in which case the *Sevennois* are sure to give the same Treatment to the Prisoners that they take from him.

Vienna, Sept. 22. The King of *Spain* having left this Place the 19th Instant, as was mentioned in our last, lay that night at *Holabrun*, where he performed the Ceremony of causing the Grandees of *Spain*, who attended him, to be covered in his Presence, who were, the Count *de Mansfeldt*, as Prince of *Fundy*, the Marquis *del Vasto*, and the Duke of *Caserta*, to which number was added the Prince of *Lichtenstein*, upon whom that Dignity was then first conferred. Letters from *Passau* say, that Major General *Raventlau* intended to send Colonel *d'Arnan* on the 20th with a Detachment of 1500 Men, 4 Mortars, and as many Pieces of Cannon, with Orders to join General *Herbeville* the next day at *Duckendorf*; which Reinforcement will (it is hoped) enable him to make a considerable Diversion of the Enemy's Forces. They write from *Tirol*, That the Duke of *Vendosme* having left the Command of the *French* Army in that Country to Lieutenant-General *Vaubecourt*, went on the 14th Instant from *Riva* towards *Mantua*. Monsieur *Vaubecourt* having ordered the Castle of *Brentonico* to be demolished, was retired with the Army behind the River *Sarca*, and lay encamped with his Right Wing towards *Riva*, and his Left towards *Arco*; and in all probability it will not be long before the *French* withdraw all their Troops out of *Tirol*, their Foot by Water over the Lake *de Garda*, and the Horse by the way of *Rocca d'Anfo*. General *Heister* had drawn all his Forces together on the 16th between the River *Issero* and *Roveredo*, and intended to march the next day towards the Castle of *Crosta*, in order to observe the Enemy, and do them what mischief he could in their Retreat. The Rebels in *Hungary* encrease daily, and have seized *Cremitz*, and two other Towns near the Gold and Silver Mines: Another Body of them has laid Siege to *Zatmar*, and a third has blocked up *Mongatz*. The Grand Signior's Deposition is confirmed by Letters from *Constantinople* of the 29th past: He is thought to have brought this Disgrace upon himself by his great Affection for the Mufti, whose Avarice and Oppression had made him generally hated, and his Master for his sake.

Leipsick, Sept. 25. The King of *Spain* arrived the 22d Instant at *Prague*, the chief City of the Kingdom of *Bohemia*, where he was received with a triple Discharge of the Cannon round the Town, and of the small Arms of the Garison and the Burghers, who were drawn up in the Streets through which he passed: His Majesty was also complimented by the Magistrates and other principal Inhabitants of that City, and had all the other Honours paid him which are due to his Rank and Dignity. His Majesty is expected here to morrow, and every thing is preparing in order to his being received with all possible Marks of Respect.

Francfort, Sept. 30. The *French* Army under the Command of the Marshal *de Tallard* is still in the Neighbourhood of *Brisac*, and has not yet made any Motion from which one may guess at their further Designs. Prince *Lewis* continues near *Augsburg*, with the Imperial Army under his Com-